

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims below by deleting items with a strikeout (i.e. ~~patent~~) or brackets / double brackets(i.e., [patent] or [[patent]]) and adding items with an underline (i.e. patent).

1. Canceled.
2. Canceled.
3. Canceled.
4. Canceled.
5. Canceled.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~[[The]]~~ An apparatus ~~[[of Claim 1]]~~ dispensing de-icing material comprising:

a linearly elongated pole;

a reservoir storing and selectively releasing said de-icing material via a plurality of holes formed in said reservoir;

a release lever operatively coupled to a gate via an internal cable, said gate prohibiting egress of said de-icing material, said lever opening said gate and allowing egress of said de-icing material through said plurality of holes;

a lid on said reservoir permitting access to said reservoir; and

a hook supported at an end of said pole, said hook rests upon an outer edge of a gutter,
thereby properly aligned said apparatus with the gutter to dispense said de-icing material into the gutter;
and

[[further comprising]] a hammer externally affixed to said reservoir to disperse aggregated de-icing material that may form in said reservoir.

7. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 6, wherein said hammer is activated by a hammer lever affixed to said pole.
8. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 7, wherein said hammer lever is operatively coupled to said hammer via an external control cable.
9. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 8, wherein a return spring is operatively coupled to said external control cable acting to retract said external control cable after release of said hammer lever.
10. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim [[1]] 6, wherein said de-icing material comprises calcium chloride.

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11. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim ~~[[1]]~~ 6, wherein said de-icing material comprises rock salt.
12. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim ~~[[1]]~~ 6, wherein said de-icing material comprises a fluid having a non-toxic anti-freezing agent.
13. Canceled.
14. (New) The apparatus of Claim 6, wherein said pole has a pair of cushioned hand grips.
15. (New) The apparatus of Claim 6, wherein said internal cable reciprocates about two pulleys positioned on said pole.
16. (New) The apparatus of Claim 6, wherein said gate is retracted by a connecting cable releasing a connecting harness, said connecting cable coupled with said internal cable and said lever.
17. (New) The apparatus of Claim 6, wherein said reservoir is attached to said pole via a pair of